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with regard to certain of the claims originally filed in the international application, while DE 197 02 383 is indicated as being in category A, i.e., showing the technological background with respect to claims 1-.

The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 additionally identifies German reference DE 692 04 213 and DE 44 80 341 that were cited in a Search Report issued by the German Patent Office on May 28, 2004 in connection with the counterpart German application. A copy of this Search Report and copies of the two above mentioned German references are additionally enclosed. The other German reference cited in the German Search Report is additionally cited in the International Search Report. In the German Search Report, German reference DE 197 02 383 A1 and DE 692 04 239 T2 are cited as being in category Y with respect to claims 1-5 and 8 as originally filed in the German application, and the cited German reference DE 44 80 341 is indicated as being in category A.

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